

students from over 2,300 to present his exhibit at the White House Visitor Center in June of this year.

The National History Day program is a contest that engages teachers and students from across the Nation to explore unconventional methods in learning about history. Its focus is to move beyond the traditional textbook and expand into resources such as libraries, museums, and archives. This year's theme was "Conflict and Compromise in History."

Adam's project—"Prelude to Pearl Harbor: The Panay Conflict and President Roosevelt's Compromise"—examined the scope of a little-known Japanese attack on an American gunboat years prior to Pearl Harbor and our nation's entry into World War II. In December of 1937, Japanese warplanes attacked the USS *Panay* as it evacuated American refugees ahead of the Japanese takeover of Nanking, China. The attack wounded several civilians and sailors on board, including Mr. Fon Huffman, USN Retired. Adam included a taped interview with Mr. Huffman, the only living survivor of the attack. Huffman tells of the chaotic attack and moments of heroism when, in the midst of the chaos, he gave his life preserver to a civilian who could not swim and helped others to safety.

Adam has shown his passion for history by participating in the program for the past three years, over the course of which his work has been awarded a number of honors including 1st place at the Arizona State Finals for Best Individual Exhibit in 2006. A true student of history, Adam has donated his 2008 exhibit to the Naval Historical Foundation.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Adam Sherman's accomplishments.

IN HONOR OF MILANA BIZIC

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Milana Bizic. Ms. Bizic is a western Pennsylvania resident who was recently honored as the Serb National Federation Person of the Year.

Ms. Bizic is known throughout the Serbian community as a person committed to preserving and celebrating Serbian culture. The granddaughter of Serbian immigrants, she is a lifelong member of the Serb National Federation, a contributing writer for the federation's magazine, *Srbobran*, and the author of a website dedicated to Serbian heritage. She has contributed time, talent, and financial resources to the Serb National Federation and the Serbian community. Ms. Bizic has said that her parents taught her to be American first, last, and always, but to remember her Serbian heritage.

Ms. Bizic's award was presented by the Pittsburgh-based Serb National Federation, which was founded more than 100 years ago to help Serbian immigrants, and now provides Serbian Americans with the opportunity to share and celebrate their background.

I am truly honored to have this opportunity to formally recognize Milana Bizic for her ac-

complishments and thank her for the role she plays in helping Serbians in western Pennsylvania and around the country remember and celebrate their heritage.

BYBERRY FRIENDS MEETING
HOUSE—200TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 200th anniversary of the Byberry Friends Meeting House, located at 3001 Byberry Road in the far northeast section of Philadelphia.

In 1675, four adventurous Quaker brothers—Nathaniel, Thomas, Daniel, and William Walton—arrived in New Castle, Delaware, from England, in search of a new home and religious freedom. They walked nearly 50 miles along the banks of the Delaware River into Pennsylvania, arriving at Poquessing Creek. They were captivated by the region, which reminded them of their former home in Bibury, England, and so they established their home here. They had success farming and were able to establish good relationships with the Native American tribes who helped them survive their initial difficult years.

This community subsequently grew with the influx of more Quakers in the 1680s. The first Quaker meetings were held in the homes of members. As the community grew, members were able to build a log meetinghouse in which to worship. In 1808, 133 years after the Walton brothers settled here, the community built the larger meetinghouse that is still in use today. Members of the Byberry Friends Meeting were influential in the movement to abolish slavery.

Today, the Byberry Friends Meeting continues to hold weekly worship meetings. The school building, used for many years to educate the children of the Meeting, is used by a community day care academy.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the historic Byberry Friends Meeting House on this momentous milestone and honoring the contributions that the members of this community have made to the people of my district and Philadelphia.

REMEMBERING 9/11

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, as the years pass the memories will not fade, today stands as a day of mourning for those victims of the terrorist attacks of those infamous events, as well as, our nation as a whole. We must never forget as the rest of the world so eloquently put it: "We are all Americans." For all the destruction that those planes brought, they could not bring down what makes our country great, the American Spirit. In the face of adversity, we did not focus on what separates us, but

came together behind the uniting principle that we are first and foremost Americans. Taking care of those who were hurt and defending the country we love against future attacks is our charge, one that we bear with the greatest of honor, appreciation, and respect.

HONORING SERGEANT BRYAN J.
TUTTEN

HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. MICA. Madam Speaker, I rise today, September 11, 2008, to once again honor and pay tribute to Sergeant Bryan J. Tuten, 33, who, like many other brave Americans, joined the military following the terrorist attacks on our homeland 7 years ago. Sergeant Tuten died in service to our country on Christmas Day, December 25, 2007, fighting insurgents on his second tour of duty in Iraq.

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2391 in St. Augustine, Florida, will hold a special ceremony to honor the life and service of Sergeant Tuten. The Post will be renamed the Veterans of Foreign Wars Bryan Tuten Memorial Post 2391.

On Tuesday, January 15, 2007, I included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD the following remarks and today I want to again honor Sergeant Tuten's life by reflecting on his service to the United States.

Prior to joining the Army, Sgt. Tuten, born in St. Augustine, Florida, graduated from St. Augustine High School and attended St. Johns River Community College. He was also a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in St. Augustine.

We should all remember Sgt. Tuten's courage and his ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The freedom and liberty we enjoy and peace in the world for others for which he fought are part of the great legacy that Sgt. Tuten leaves behind. He was laid to rest at San Lorenzo Cemetery in St. Augustine, Florida on January 4, 2008.

After the devastating events of September 11, 2001, Sgt. Tuten enrolled in the Army. His family remembers him as an avid sportsman who loved to fish and cook, and how he enjoyed the time he had playing with his daughter, Catherine. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division based in Fort Bragg, North Carolina which was deployed to Iraq.

With the passing of Sgt. Tuten, America has lost an outstanding citizen and a shining example of service to our nation. He will be remembered as a patriotic American, a pillar of our community and a compassionate husband and a loving father.

To his wife Constandina, his daughter Catherine, his son Gareth, his mother Ms. Sylvia Smallwood and his loving family and friends, we offer our deepest sympathy.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize Sgt. Bryan J. Tuten's contributions and to ask all Members of the U.S. House of Representatives of the 110th Congress to join me in recognizing his service in our nation's Armed Forces and remembering a great American hero.